

**Mansfield YSB Advisory Board**  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 12, 2008  
12 noon @ YSB Council Chambers

**Attendees:** Ethel Mantzaris, Frank Perrotti, Eileen Griffin,  
Sheila Riffle

**Staff:** Kevin Grunwald, Pat Michalak, Kathy McNamara,  
Karen L. Taylor

**Regrets:** Mike Collins

I. Call to Order  
Ethel Mantzaris, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01PM

II. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION** by Frank Perrotti, seconded  
by Eileen Griffin. Vote: Unanimous in favor of approving  
minutes as submitted.

III. Kevin Grunwald, Director

- Kevin handed out copies of the Social Service Quarterly Report, Underage Drinking Coalition Grant information, and event flyer.
- Informed the Board about the Underage Drinking Coalitions sponsored program at EOS where Arik Bostick did a presentation to students and parents. Provided the Board with a copy of an article on Arik Bostick's presentation. Also advised Board there will be another presentation on March 6, at EOS at 6:00pm called "Take It Back".
- Notified the Board that the NECASA funds will be split into mini-grants for alternative activities coordinated thru YSB
- Kevin met with Mike Collins regarding the Business Plan and the decision was made to table it until Mike Collins returns
- Informed the Board of the new staff member in Social Services will be starting February 18, 2008 and her name is Kathy Ann Easley

Pat Michalak – YSB Coordinator Update

#### Youth Services Update      January 2008

- YSB coordinator participated in second stage weekend long strategic planning initiative for Mansfield 2020. Increased staff for YS was identified as a goal.
  - Determining eligibility criteria and steps towards developing a more comprehensive collaborative Challenge Program.
  - Developing a Leadership/Transition program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students
  - Co-facilitated Mansfield Middle School Special Education Dinner with students and parents.
  - Multi-family group continues to expand bringing in new members with varied backgrounds. Families are finding this new format beneficial.
  - Grandparents raising grandchildren group continues to be valuable resources to the community.
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- Pat reported to the Board that she had met with MMS staff regarding Challenge and the program was being reviewed for expansion into alternative activities and a transition piece for students from MMS to EOS
  - Multi-family Group was being reviewed to include EOS cases
  - Pat shared with the Board that she meets with Special Needs Staff at MMS every two months. Sheila Riffle expressed interest in attending.

#### IV. Old Business:

- Letter to the Town Manager – Kevin advised the Board that he had spoken to the Town Manager and the matter of budgets cuts was reviewed and changes have been made.
- Subcommittee – Tabled until Mike Collins returns to the Board.

#### V. New Business:

Pat reported to the Board that she had compiled a comparative analysis of surrounding Youth Service Bureau staffing statistics and shared her findings.

A side discussion ensued regarding the lack of social workers in the Mansfield School System and the services that Mansfield Youth Services provides to the schools to meet the needs of the youth and families.

**VI. Other**

Frank Perrotti shared with the Board his commitment with the Grandparents Group and an upcoming activity on

A discussion ensued regarding the Youth Service Bureaus's Pilot Program, Kidtrac System. Kevin and Pat informed the Board that there are 8 Bureaus currently involved. The Board expressed interest in being a part of the Pilot Program. Kevin will followup.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen L. Taylor  
Secretary